How to / Trackmania / General / Formatting text

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Introduction

In order to make text useage within Trackmania more attractive, Nadeo has provided an extensive text interpreter "engine" which will let you manipulate your text entries on numerous occassions, such as your displayed username, your chat messages, your Mediatracker content etc pp...
The control codes, the special characters and the colour codes can be used simultaneously in a single text entry.

Control Codes

Control codes are directly inserted as you are writing your text...

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$i: italic
$s: shadowed
$t: uppercase
$w: wide spacing
$n: narrow spacing
$m: normal setting
$g: default color
$z: reset all
$$: to write a "$"

$000-$fff: use RGB colours

Trackmania Forever special codes

$o: Bold with semi-wide spacing.
$h: Internal link to a ManiaLink.
$l: External link to an URL.
Example:
$l[http://www.domain.com/]Name$l

A newly inserted control code affects all forthcoming letters unless a "reset control code" is used (**bold** in the list) or the same control code is used again.

How to use control codes

Just write the command codes along with your normal text. The command codes will be converted by the text interpreter immediately after you press the Enter key.

Example

"$nNarrow and $tuppercase plus $iitalic are nasty, but $znow everything is reset."
will result in this output:

Narrow and UPPERCASE PLUS *ITALIC ARE NASTY, BUT* now everything is reset.

Removing control codes with Regular Expressions

Sometimes it may be necessary to remove control codes out of texts or filenames, for example when you collect large lists of Track files and you want to read them more easily...

Without talking about Regular Expressions, here's the Syntax you need:

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(\$[hilswnmogztHILSWNMGZOT]{1}|\$[\d\a-fA-F]{3})
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Use your favorite multi-rename tool with this syntax and 1000s of filenames will be cleaned from control codes within seconds...

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